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Prior Application: M. MORITA et al  
Serial No. 09/639,741  
Filed: August 15, 2000

Group Art: 2621  
Examiner: D. Mariam  
For: SHEET HANDLING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 28, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/639,741, filed on August 15, 2000, entitled SHEET HANDLING SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 750.00
Total Claims	5	-	20	=	0	x 18	= 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x 84	= 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 750.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, fifteen (15) sheets, Figs. 1-15.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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**Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.**

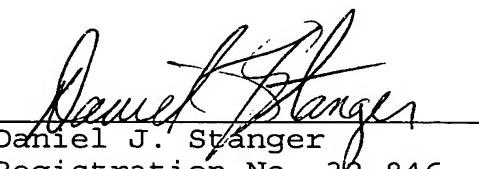
7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-365393, filed December 22, 1999.

The certified priority document was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/639,741.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/639,741, as originally filed on August 15, 2000.



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